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To whom it may concern,

I believe that the proposed final judgment for the Microsoft settlement will not effectively eradicate the monopoly that Microsoft has on both middleware and PC operating systems.

Firstly, there are several loopholes in the judgment that will easily allow Microsoft to keep on bundling middleware like Internet Explorer with Windows and thus keeping out competitors like Opera and Netscape. All they have to do is change the product number, and the judgment won't consider it "middleware" anymore. That is just asinine.

Microsoft makes a lot of software that is the industry standard. However, it only runs on Windows (for PC platforms -- of course they make it for the Mac too). This makes it really difficult for people who prefer other operating systems, like Linux, to run the programs they really need. These individuals, including myself, are "stuck" using a product that they may feel is inferior to others available. This should not happen in an open market, where competition forces companies to make better products so they can have the largest market share.

Furthermore, although the judgment does take some positive steps toward lessening Microsoft's monopoly, it does not adequately provide for enforcement of the judgment. Please give this judgment some teeth so the average Joe out here has a little choice when it comes to operating systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

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